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1. LILIANA WALKER. THE PRESS DURING THE PAST FEW DAYS HAS DEVOTED INCREASING ATTENTION TO "MYSTERY WOMAN" LILIANA WALKER MARTINEZ WHO ACCOMPANIED ARMANDO FERNANDEZ LARIOS TO THE UNITED STATES IN AUGUST/SEPTEMBER, 1976. USG LAWYER ETCHEBERRY HAS SAID THAT IF LILIANA'S TRUE IDENTITY CAN BE ESTABLISHED, THE USG WILL ALSO ASK FOR HER EXTRADITION. TOWNLEY'S WIFE, MARIANA CALLEJAS, WHO HAS OTHERWISE BEEN MAINTAINING AN UNUSUAL SILENCE, HAS STATED THAT MS. WALKER IS AN ALEGANT AND SNOBISH WOMAN WHO HAS WORKED AS A SECRETARY FOR A WELL-KNOWN SANTIAGO LAWYER. THERE HAVE BEEN COUNTER RUMORS (DENIED) THAT MARIANA IS HERSELF LILIANA. "QUE PASA" NEWSMAGAZINE THIS WEEK CARRIED WHAT PURPORTS TO

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BE A DRAWING OF LILIANA AND SAYS THAT SHE IS A WOMAN OF ABOUT 35 YEARS OF AGE.

2. DEATH OF PULIDO. THE DEMISE OF JUAN PULIDO CAPTURED THE HEADLINES IN "ULTIMAS NOTICIAS" AUGUST 10. HE IS DESCRIBED AS A KEY WITNESS FOR THE DEFENSE AND HIS DEATH AS SUSPICIOUS. OTHER MORNING PAPERS ARE MORE RESERVED.

3. LAWYER FOR THE DEFENSE. SERGIO MIRANDA CARRINGTON HAS CONFIRMED THAT HE WILL DEFEND BOTH CONTRERAS AND ESPINOZA. HE IS ALSO REPORTED, AUGUST 9, AS SAYING THAT THE FALSIFICATION OF PASSPORTS WILL BE SHOWN TO HAVE INVOLVED AN AMBASSADOR OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY; AND FOR TWO DAYS NOW HE HAS BEEN QUOTED AS SAYING THAT TOWNLEY IS A CIA AGENT. HOW ELSE, SAYS MIRANDA, IS IT POSSIBLE TO EXPLAIN THE AMENITIES HE HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE LIGHT SENTENCE HE WILL BE GIVEN.

4. OTHER COURT CASES. JUDGE CARLA FIGUEROA OF THE 10TH CRIMINAL COURT HAS REJECTED REQUESTS BY THE 10 LAWYERS, REPRESENTING 69 MISSING PERSONS, THAT SHE PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO INVESTIGATE THE FACTS OF CONTRERAS' ALLEGED CULPABILITY. INSTEAD SHE CONTINUES HER EFFORT TO DETERMINE WHETHER HER COURT CAN HAVE JURISDICTION IN THE SUIT. THE PRESS HERE HAS REPORTED DISCREETLY THE SUIT BROUGHT BY RELATIVES OF ORLANDO LETELIER AND RONNI MOFFITT AGAINST THE GOC IN A UNITED STATES COURT.

5. EDITORIAL COMMENT. A STORY IN "LA SEGUNDA" A WEEK AGO ALLEGED THAT GENERAL CONTRERAS IN APRIL HAD SHIPPED FROM PUNTA ARENAS ABROAD A GERMAN SHIP, 13 SUITCASES OF DOCUMENTS ON THE LETELIER CASE (AND PERHAPS OTHER DINA ACTIVITIES). NO OTHER NEWSPAPER CARRIED THE STORY. "QUE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PASA" THIS WEEK DEVOTES ITS EDITORIAL TO THAT SUBJECT, EXPRESSING CONCERN AND SURPRISE THAT NO ONE IS DOING ANYTHING TO EITHER CONFIRM OR DISPROVE THIS REPORT. "QUE PASA" SAYS THIS UNCERTAINTY CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN. EDITOR EMILIO FILIPPI OF "HOY" NEWSMAGAZINE DEVOTES HIS COLUMN THIS WEEK TO THE CASE STRESSING THAT THE HONOR BOTH OF THE COURT SYSTEM AND OF THE ARMED FORCES IS AT STAKE. FOR THE FIRST, IT IS ESEENTIAL THAT THE DECISION ON EXTRA-DITION BE TAKEN WITHOUT ANY EXTERNAL PRESSURE AND IN STRICT CONFORMITY WITH LAW AND PRACTICE. FOR THE ARMED FORCES, CLARIFICATION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DEATHS OF LETELIER AND MOFFITT IS NECESSARY TO AVOID BRANDING AN ENTIRE INSTITUTION. LANDAU

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